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LOYAL TO LAST BREATH Boy Dies Rather Than Betray Comrades

Soviets Seize Banks

London, March 7. Armed Russian troops have occupied all important banks in the Russian sector of Berlin, arresting the head officials and sacking the rest of the staff on the spot. Peter Burchett, Berlin Correspondent of the "Daily Express" reported to-day.

"This is regarded as a breach of the four-power agreement and it is believed that a very strong protest was made at to-day's meeting of the Allied Commanders," Burchett declared. "The Banks have been closed to the public since June but have been working behind closed doors, establishing the financial position of their depositors." —Reuter

No One But Hitler Wanted War

NUERNBERG, MAR. 7. THE NAZI MINISTER OF ARMAMENTS AND WAR PRODUCTION, ALBERT SPEER, WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL THAT HE APPEALED TO HITLER TO SUE FOR PEACE IN AUGUST 1941. WHEN THAT EFFORT FAILED, HIS DEFENSE WILL ATTEMPT TO SHOW HE CONSPIRED TO KIDNAP THE GESTAPO CHIEF HEINRICH HIMMLER AND TURN HIM OVER TO GENERAL EISENHOWER.

Speer's defense plan, and those of Von Papen, Seyss-Inquart, Neurath and Frischle will be submitted to the tribunal to-day.

The defense cases, with Goering's first, are expected to open on Friday.

Speer will seek to prove that he persisted in peace aims, even after personal rejection by Hitler, to the extent of making a recording for a radio broadcast announcing the end of the war.

Walther von Brauchitsch, former German Army Chief-of-Staff, told Allied interrogators that Hitler distrusted his Army commanders so much that he forbade the Foreign Office to give them any political information and kept them guessing about his war plans almost until the eve of the march into Poland.

TRICKERY

Brauchitsch declared he failed to see the trickery behind the 1938 scheme that the army was to make no real war preparations before 1945. Brauchitsch said that he had to rely only on rumours. He said that he was overruled when he sought to spare Warsaw in 1939 and that for some political reasons Hitler insisted that the campaign was to be concluded.

The one-time Grand Admiral Raeder asserts that his fellow officers can confirm that he advised against war with Britain, the Soviet Union, and finally the United States.

Raeder insisted that the Japanese admirals left him uninformed about their plans to attack Pearl Harbour. —Associated Press.

"Missouri" To Take Late Envoy's Body

Washington, March 7. The body of Mehmet Ertegun, Turkish Ambassador to the United States who died in Washington in November 1944, will be taken to his homeland aboard the American battleship Missouri, the State Department said to-day.

Because of war time conditions it was impossible to return the body to Turkey at the time of Ertegun's death.

The Missouri became famous as the ship aboard which the Japanese surrender was signed in Tokyo Bay. The battleship will be accompanied by a destroyer escort on the trip to Turkey.

It was expected that the Missouri will call at a number of Mediterranean ports after sailing to Istanbul.

Returning the bodies of diplomats to their homelands on warships is a diplomatic courtesy of long standing. However, sailors usually are assigned to such missions. —Associated Press.

Treason Trial Continues

EVIDENCE OF HOW THE TWO ACCUSED, SO LEUNG AND TSUI KWOK-CHING, CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON, ALLEGEDLY TORTURED A 13 OR 14-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GUERRILLA AT MONGKOK POLICE STATION IN JUNE, 1943, BUT FAILED TO EXTRACT ANY INFORMATION FROM HIM, WAS GIVEN AT THE CENTRAL SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY BY MARCUS ALBERTO DA SILVA AND GEORGE VAN BERGEN, WHO WERE THEN BEING HELD AT THE SAME STATION.

IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE TWO ACCUSED WERE ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT FROM THE BOY INFORMATION AS TO THE ADDRESSES OF A NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS WHOSE NAMES ON A SLIP OF PAPER HAD BEEN FOUND IN HIS POCKET AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST. THOUGH HE WAS CONTINUALLY TORTURED MORNING AND AFTERNOON OVER SEVERAL DAYS, THE WITNESSES RELATED, HE DID NOT GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION AND DIED UNDER THE TORTURE.

Commitial proceedings against the two accused, who are charged with 34 overt acts of treason, are being heard by Mr. C. Y. Kwan. Mr. R. S. Smith, assisting Mr. J. O. Donovan, is prosecuting, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks is appearing for the two accused.

The first witness called yesterday was Capt. Francis Lee, officer attached to 160 Indian Infantry Brigade, who said that he had escaped from prison camp shortly after the surrender of Hong Kong and had worked in the British Army Aid Group throughout the occupation.

J. M. Kim, witness said, was a B.A.A.F. agent in the Colony. He was last heard of as having been arrested by the Gendarmerie some time in September 1943.

MARCUS SILVA'S EVIDENCE

The next witness was Marcus Alberto da Silva, 39, solicitor, residing at 11, Ice House Street, 1st floor. During the Japanese occupation, witness said, he was residing at No. 9, Tung Cheung Building, Kowloon.

On May 13, 1943, about 7 a.m. he was arrested at his residence by two Chinese and taken to the Mongkok Police Station where he was placed in the end-room on the left-hand side as one entered the station. There he was kept the whole day under guard. During the course of the day two Japanese came in, one at a time, and inspected him from head to foot. He later learned that they were Ozawa and Nakashima.

TRIED CAJOLERY

Witness continued: "About 8 p.m. I was taken from this room and placed in solitary confinement in one of the cells. Next morning an In-

Serious Motor Accident

A SERIOUS MOTOR CRASH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE JUNCTION OF WONGNEICHEONG AND GAP ROADS WHEN A 15 CWT. AMERICAN WEAPON CARRIER CRASHED AGAINST A STONE WALL.

Two American Naval officers and a British Naval rating were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. It is believed that the American officers sustained fractured skulls.

Two other Naval ratings and a Commando were also in the vehicle. One of the ratings was given treatment at the dockyard Sick Bay and the Commando, who was also taken to hospital, suffered minor injuries but was not detained.

Investigations placed the time of the accident at shortly after midnight but it was almost two o'clock in the morning before the Naval Ambulance was summoned.

STRIKE IN ROME

Rome, March 7. The Italian news agency Ansa reported that a five-hour strike had been ordered in Venice for to-day by the local committee of national liberation in protest against the alleged failure to purge Fascists from state offices and private business. —Associated Press.

Truman Calls For A Moral Code

OHIO, MAR. 7. PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO-DAY CALLED FOR RELIGIOUS SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY UNDER "A HIGH MORAL CODE" TO RESCUE A "SICK" WORLD.

THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY HAS LEFT MANKIND "IN THE DOORWAY TO DESTRUCTION—OR ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE GREATEST AGE IN HISTORY."

"Only a high moral code," he said, "can master this new power of the universe and develop it for the common good."

"If the world is to survive, the gigantic power which man has acquired through atomic energy must be matched by spiritual strength of a greater magnitude."

The President called upon the forces of "deceit and righteousness" to make full use of their war-won freedom to have a world bereft of "threats of new conflicts, new terror and destruction."

HEADED TO DISASTER

Asserting that the forces of "selfishness and greed and intol-

erance" again are at work, Truman declared that they create situations demanding "a moral and spiritual awakening in the life of the individual and in the counsels of the world."

Unless church forces provide the moral and spiritual awakening, the President continued, "we are headed for the disaster we would deserve."

The President included an appeal for food sharing "to save the starving millions in Europe, Asia and Africa."

"Of course we cannot feed them all," he said. "But you can go a long way to share your food by eating less." —Associated Press.

Canadian Loan

London, March 7. The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons to-day that Canada is to lend \$1,250,000,000 (£281,000,000) to Britain to enable her to meet the "serious problems which she has to face." The loan is repayable over 50 years from January 1, 1951, and will carry interest at 2 per cent. —Reuter.

Kent Village Snowed In

LONDON, MARCH 7. A GROUP OF 80 GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR, FOLLOWED BY 10 R.A.F. MEN WITH A SNOW PLOW, STRUGGLED AGAINST GIGANTIC SNOW DRIFTS TO OPEN A RESCUE PATH YESTERDAY TO THE 42 RESIDENTS OF PADDLESWORTH, KENT, SNOWED IN SINCE LAST THURSDAY.

The snow was reported between six and even feet deep in most places in the town where there are no shops.

The German prisoners since

Monday have shovelled away

snow on a mile and a half of road

linking the village with the Can-

terbury-Folkestone road.

More snow is falling and one

"Evening Standard" said: "It is

snowing so hard that their work

may be undone by the morning."

The people of Paddlesworth they

run out of bread, coal and

water for cooking. —Associated

Press.

Indonesia Problem Growing Acute

BATAVIA, MAR. 7. WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE BELIEVE THAT A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF INDONESIA CANNOT BE DELAYED MUCH LONGER.

THIS BELIEF IS STRENGTHENED BY THE DECISION TO RE-ESTABLISH DUTCH CURRENCY AS THE ONLY LEGAL TENDER IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND BY THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT THAT INDIAN TROOPS ARE TO BEGIN EVACUATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Added to this is the impression that negotiations with the Dutch are expected to begin when the future of Dr. Sutan Sjahrir's Indonesian Cabinet is completed and may be the last attempt at a peaceful settlement.

Some quarters, taking into consideration the extremist feelings, predict that bloodshed is inevitable, whatever the outcome of negotiations — unless it is an unqualified acceptance of the Indonesian Republic.

Informed British circles and Dr. Sjahrir's spokesman, Haji Aje Salim, interpret Dr. Sjahrir's mandate as making the recognition of the Republic the aim of discussions and not a pre-requisite to negotiations.

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir is now engaged in the difficult task of trying to suit the many shades of Indonesian political opinion in the composition of his new Cabinet.

It is understood that he may again visit Jakarta — headquarters of the Indonesian Nationalist movement — before the week-end for further consultations with the Indonesian President, Dr. Soekarno.

The forthcoming evacuation of Indian troops, who constitute about two-thirds of the British forces in Java and Sumatra, has raised the question: Who will take over the Allied commitments here concerning the safety of refugees and the evacuation of Japanese?

CLASH WITH JAPS

It is estimated that 30,000 Japanese and a greater part of two Indonesian divisions are scattered

between the islands of Sumatra and Java, one of the Netherlands East Indies group, east of Java, fighting the Japanese.

The Netherlands News Agency reported to-day from a reliable source that the islands of Sumatra, Java, and the Netherlands East Indies group, east of Java, are

now under Japanese control. The

dispatch said: "Five

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OKINAWA

The following official announcement was made yesterday:

With reference to the notice that appeared in the Press on Wednesday, Feb. 20, stating that applications could be made to the Purchasing Commission to obtain stores for general use in the Colony by purchasing surplus stocks at Okinawa and other places in the Southwest Pacific; in view of the great number of applications that have been received by the Purchasing Commission, the Government has found it necessary to limit access to the goods in question to those firms that shall be duly authorized for this purpose.

It is believed that by adopting this procedure, there will be facilitated a greater measure of control that will result in a wider and more equitable distribution of those supplies among the consuming public.

A further announcement will shortly be made giving the names of those firms which alone are authorized to buy these materials through the Purchasing Commission.

U.S. RAILWAYS MAY
GO ON STRIKE

A STRIKE OF 30,000 LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN WHICH WOULD TIE UP THE NATION'S MAJOR RAILWAYS WAS REPORTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY BUT MEDIA- TION PROCEDURE MAY DELAY A WALK-OUT FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS.

Officials of two big railway unions declined to confirm or deny that a strike date had been set although calls for a walk-out were received at the Union's Headquarters in some cities.

It was felt in the nation's capital that President Truman would name a fact-finding commission which would have 30 days in which to study the issues and make recommendations for a settlement.

Government officials said a tie-up of the nation's railways might prove calamitous to the nation's food relief programme to ease shortages abroad.

Negotiations between the railroads and the three operating and 16 non-operating brotherhoods started last October. The Union demands are for a wage increase of 25 per cent and changes in 45 rules governing working conditions. Early negotiations were broken down but were resumed early this year.—Associated Press.

J. O. REMEDIOS
RETIRES

An association of nearly half a century has just come to close with the retirement of one of the Colony's oldest and most popular Portuguese residents, Mr. J. O. Remedios.

Mr. Remedios, who at the time of his retirement was Chief Clerk of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., has been in the Bank's employ for 44 years, during the whole of which time he has been employed in the Bank's Hong Kong office. He was appointed Chief Clerk in 1926.

On the occasion of his retirement Mr. Remedios was guest of honour at a cocktail party given by the Bank at which the minister, Mr. D. Benson, made a suitable presentation.

Money Mart

Confidence evaporated once more in the money market yesterday after the previous day's calm, and both Chinese national currency and gold registered drops.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$2.70 to CN\$1.00, a drop of four points on the previous day, and fell another 9 points at the close.

Spot opened at \$2.70, a drop of 8 points on the previous day, and remained practically unchanged at the close.

Gold fell 10 points overnight, opening at \$476 per troy troy and dropped at one stage to \$466, but towards the close it recovered to \$474.

U.S. dollars were unchanged at \$5.16, while English Sterling and Australian pounds have improved to \$10.80 and \$12.60 respectively.

COMMODITY PRICES

Canton, March 7. Commodity prices remained about the same in Canton on Tuesday and Wednesday. Up to Wednesday morning, the Central Bank of China still had not been informed of the change in the official money rate.

The Hong Kong dollar rose to about CN\$3.62 while the American dollar was quoted around CN\$1.900. Rice prices have remained about the same this week, with best quality quoted around \$32.000 a cwt.—Associated Press.

EXTORTION CHARGE

A police constable, Cheung Ming, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with extortion of a \$250 from Wong Lo Kat between Aug. 15 and Nov. 31, 1945, alleging that Wong was suspected of receiving stolen goods.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence, while Captain Brown, A.S.P., appeared for the Police.

The accused were stated to have entered a charcoal shop on the pretext of buying coal and to have herded the inmates into the kitchen where they were stripped of their belongings. The master, who managed to elude the robbers, rushed to the cock-loft and there raised the alarm.

The first accused was arrested on leaving the premises and the other four were arrested by the

OVERSEAS DEAGUE

Members of the Overseas League in Hong Kong are invited to get in touch with the acting Hon. Secretary, Lt. A. C. Squires, R.A.M.C., Civil Affairs Medical Department.

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Youths Charged With
Highway Robberies

TWO WELL DRESSED YOUNGSTERS, TSUI TSANG-YIU, 19, AND CHONG TONG-NEI, 21, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. A. EL ARCUILL AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY ON TWO COUNTS OF HIGHWAY ARMED ROBBERY AT CAINE ROAD SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY.

Second accused was additionally charged with unlawful possession of a .32 Remington pistol and six rounds of ammunition at No. 12, Chancery Lane on Feb. 19.

It was alleged that accused were responsible for a robbery at Caine Road near Old Bailey Street, when they robbed Lee Kwok Wing of a wallet with \$200, a Parker fountain pen, a wrist watch, and from Miss Chan King, a handbag containing \$235 Hong Kong currency and \$44 in Macao money.

On Feb. 9, accused were alleged to have robbed Mr. Jackson Chun of \$75, a "Conklin" fountain pen, a "Waltham" wrist watch and a cigarette lighter, at Caine Road.

Censorship

Chungking, March 7. China has joined those nations who have abolished censorship.

Minister of Information K. C. Wu yesterday announced that the censorship—which was removed in Free China last October but was retained in the recovered areas until the restoration of peace and order—is lifted throughout all China.—Associated Press.

"BLACK
PRINCE"
GIVES PARTY

Over the week end a party was held by H.M.S. "Black Prince" for a number of the war orphans of Hong Kong. It had been hoped to hold the party on board ship, but owing to the projected visit in the near future of the Commander-in-Chief, B.P.F., Admiral Lord Fraser, G.C.B., K.B.E., this was not possible.

The children had long been eagerly anticipating the party, however, and owing to the generous subscriptions of the ship's company of "Black Prince," it was found possible to hold it ashore instead.

Permission was therefore obtained from the Rev. Mother Superior of St. Francis Hospital to hold the party in the St. Francis Junior School, Kennedy Road. The British Red Cross, through Miss Phyllis Hobbs, most kindly supplied the ingredients for parties and fancy cakes.

POINTED PISTOL

Po Sun, driver of motor car No. 147, of the Hong Kong Hotel, in evidence said that he had instructions to take the car to Pedder Street. As he parked the car outside the hotel and went to report, he saw the car was being driven away by two unknown Chinese. He reported the matter to the Police. At about 11 p.m. he identified the missing car at Central Police Station.

Lee Kwok-wing, of No. 19, Robinson Road, an office clerk, stated that about 7.50 p.m. on Feb. 19, he was walking along Caine Road with a lady friend, Miss Chan King. While near Old Bailey Street, a motor car came from behind and stopped in front of them. A man, whose face was masked, alighted and pointed a pistol at him. The man asked in English, "Where is your money?" The man took away his wrist watch, a fountain pen, a pencil and about \$200 in money.

Miss Chan was held by another Chinese who put his hand over her mouth and took her handbag containing \$235, and some Macao money.

The armed man told him not to report the matter to the Police, and drove off. He saw the number 147 and made a report to the Central Police Station.

It was alleged that accused, together with four others not in custody, entered No. 5, Wang Tak Street, and robbed Li Po Wing of money and articles to the value of \$3,600.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned to Monday.

ARMED ROBBERY

Wong Ping, unemployed, was brought before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday charged with armed robbery at No. 5, Wang Tak Street, first floor, on March 4.

It was alleged that accused, together with four others not in custody, entered No. 5, Wang Tak Street, and robbed Li Po Wing of money and articles to the value of \$3,600.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned to Monday.

"EIGHT YEARS HARD"
FOR ARMED ROBBERS

FIVE MEN WHO ROBBED A CHARCOAL MERCHANT IN THE WANCHAI DISTRICT LAST MONTH WERE CHARGED BEFORE THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY WITH USING OR CARRYING ARMS OR EXPLOSIVES WHILE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE AND WITH ARMED ROBBERY.

The Court was composed of police in Shan Kwong Hotel. All the accused were identified by various witnesses at an identification parade held at the police station.

UNANIMOUS VERDICTS

Chan Fai who denied the charge of possession of two revolvers said the arms were left behind by one Wong Sup-pak for Wong Wah, second accused.

Chan Hing was additionally charged with unlawful possession of a .38 revolver and 20 rounds of ammunition at Hennessy Road, and Wong Wah and Chan Fai with possession of two .38 revolvers and 24 rounds of ammunition in Room 213, Shan Kwong Hotel.

The accused were stated to have entered a charcoal shop on the pretext of buying coal and to have herded the inmates into the kitchen where they were stripped of their belongings.

The master, who managed to elude the robbers, rushed to the cock-loft and there raised the alarm.

The first accused was arrested on leaving the premises and the other four were arrested by the

Readers' Letters

SAFETY FIRST

poem? Would that clarify, or further obfuscate, the poet's meaning?

Fundamentals and Integrals to one side, I say that "Philosophia" definition of art is the observation of life. If he was made to observe from there, and say the result of observation is knowledge, and the quest of knowledge is philosophy, then he has a logical chain proving that the observation of life leads to philosophy.

But not, necessarily to poetry. But by his comparison of German Philosophy with modern verse, "Philosophia" demonstrates that the terms verse and philosophy are synonymous in his mind.

I see some difference, however, Poetry is primarily the expression of fine feelings; philosophy primarily the expression of the intellect; and the less the feeling allowed to crean in, the nearer the truth must be the philosophy.

If you get "pure philosophy", even, there'll be no feeling in it whatsoever.

Where then will poetry be? When writing primarily from the head instead of the heart the inspiration is artificial, and though such poetry may please by Bacon, it cannot be expected to touch the soul's chords.

The true poet's finer feelings are moved by some external stimulus, then the intellect is subordinated to the task of attempting to reproduce by rhetoric the same feelings in others. The extent to which he can do this decides whether the poet is worthy of the title.

PLEBE.

For evading tram fare on a tramcar at Hennessy Road on Tuesday, Tsoi Yun, 31, unemployed, was fined \$10 by Mr. A. el Arcuill at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

THE HONG KONG CLUB.

A meeting of members of the Hong Kong Club will be held on the first floor, Gloucester Building, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 13th March, 1946. It is hoped that all members will attend.

R. D. GILLESPIE,
Member of Hong Kong Club
Committee.BRITISH MILITARY
ADMINISTRATION,
HONG KONG

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

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(AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 3—
PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under Paragraph 2 of the above Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport and Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the following item namely:

Cocoanut Oil is added to the Schedule contained in the said Regulation No. 3.

GIVEN under my hand at HONG KONG this 7th day of March, 1946.

A. BURGESS,
Colonel, (C.A.)
Supplies, Transport & Industry.BRITISH MILITARY
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POTASSIUM OHLQ RATE (Oxoflate of Potassium) is added to the Schedule contained in the said Regulation No. 3.

GIVEN under my hand at HONG KONG this 8th day of March, 1946.

A. BURGESS,
Colonel, (C.A.)
Supplies, Transport & Industry.

Jewish Terrorism

Jerusalem, March 7. A British woman welfare worker was seriously wounded in the abdomen during a Jewish terrorist attack at Sarafand to-day.

A few hours after the arrival of the Anglo-American Mission of Inquiry into Palestine questions, Jewish terrorists wearing British uniforms attacked the Sarafand camp—the biggest British garrison in Palestine.

Unorganized reports state that they seized military vehicles and withdrew after a battle with the garrison guards.

Following the attack, the military authorities imposed a curfew in Rishon le Zion and Rehovot—neighbouring Jewish townships—and carried out searches.

Three explosions were reported from Kfar Menachem in southern Palestine to-night, in which army camps and aerodromes are located.—Reuters.

INDIA'S FAMINE

London, March 7. Indian self-help in its current famine crisis was called for by Mahatma Gandhi in a letter addressed to the Viceroy and broadcast by the all-India radio. The Mahatma called for distribution of food through co-operative societies, release of food stocks held by military authorities, rooting out of bribery in the food administration, and development of India's fishing industry with the assistance of the Indian Army and Navy.—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 7. Prince Erick of Denmark, accompanied by his daughter, Countess Alexandra, arrived in the United States yesterday on what was described as a social visit.—Associated Press.

REACTION TO CHURCHILL

Opinion Divided In Washington

LOAN FOR RUSSIA--IF

WASHINGTON, MARCH 7. BANKING TRADE AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS SAID YESTERDAY THAT RUSSIA MUST PROMISE WHOLEHEARTED ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES EVEN BEGINS CONSIDERING THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR A BILLION-DOLLAR LOAN.

They said that before Russia is allowed to open discussions she must be asked whether she will join an international trade organization to be set up this summer under the United Nations Economic Council and the International Bank and Monetary Fund which will be organized at a meeting of 35 nations beginning March 8 in Savannah, Georgia.

At least two other questions must be answered by the Russians—what they intend to do with the money and what is the current status of the Soviet financial condition.

American financial experts say they do not know of any occasion when Russia has displayed its balance sheet to outsiders. Associated Press.

RETALIATION BY GEN. FRANCO

MADRID, MAR. 7. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, RETALIATING FOR FRENCH ACTION IN CLOSING THE FRANCO-SPANISH BORDER YESTERDAY BARRED FRENCH NATIONALISTS FROM SPAIN AND HER POSSESSIONS. SPAIN ALSO PROHIBITED SPANIARDS FROM ENTERING ANY FRENCH TERRITORY. ANNOUNCING REGULATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT BORDER CLOSING WHICH STARTED ON MARCH 1, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO PROHIBITED FOREIGNERS FROM DISEMBARKING FROM BOATS STOPPING IN SPANISH PORTS WHO ARE TRAVELLING FROM OR TO TERRITORIES.

"HELL SHIP" PROTESTS

Camberra, March 7. Protests were raised in Parliament here to-day regarding the disarmed Japanese destroyer "Yozuki" which sailed for Formosa and Japan with 1,185 persons, including 259 Formosans, embarked aboard.

Crying "we are Chinese, we are not Japanese," one Formosan had to be prevented from jumping into the water. Associated Press.

INDONESIA TALKS

London, March 7. The Dutch Radio at Hilversum heard here yesterday by the Associated Press, said that the Indonesian Nationalist leaders had been killed by a small British delegation to return to Batavia for talks with the Dutch and with the British representative, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr.

The Radio said the delegation visited central Java and made proposals to the nationalist president Dr. R. I. Sjekarno, and the premier Sultan Siahrir that talks be held on board the British cruiser "Norfolk."

The broadcast said it was learned that the British delegation had returned with a letter from Dr. Sjekarno to Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr. Associated Press.

SAN RIOTS

Chungking, March 7. The Communist "New China Daily News" reported yesterday that during the anti-Soviet and anti-Communist parade by 2,000 students in Sian, Shensi, on March 1, stones, bricks and tiles were thrown at Communist army officers and insults were shouted.

The paper charged the students were instigated by "Chinese Fascists" and that "Kuomintang men" were responsible for the incident. Associated Press.

RANCHI

Ranchi, March 7. Five Adibasis—aborigines, were reported yesterday to have been killed in clashes with Congress Party workers during a provincial election campaign demonstration in the district of Bihar province in Bengal. Associated Press.

Alliance Proposal Yields No Fruits

WASHINGTON, MAR. 7. MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S PLEA FOR THE QUICK CREATION OF AN ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE HAS BROUGHT A DIVIDED REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL. ONE SCHOOL OF DIPLOMATIC THOUGHT HELD THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BRING THE HIDDEN BIG-THREE DISTRUST INTO THE OPEN AND FORCE A SPEEDY SHOWDOWN. THE SECOND GROUP DISFAVoured THE IDEA BECAUSE IT WOULD BOLSTER THE BELIEF THAT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY MUST ENTAIL SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

There was little sentiment to discount the weight of Churchill's words on American opinion especially as they came within five days of Secretary of State James Byrnes' telling the world that the United States must stand ready to fight if necessary to protect the principles of the United Nations Charter.

Other recent developments are strengthening the belief here that another meeting of the Big-Three Chiefs of State is essential to renew wartime bonds of cooperation. These developments include:

1. The United States invited to

Moscow for its failure to withdraw troops from Iran.

2. The United States protest over the Soviet claim of Japanese Manchurian industries as "war booty."

3. PLAIN SPEAKING

—Canada's displeasure in the Russian espionage service attempting to secure atomic and other military secrets.

4. Reports that Russians are deporting the Japanese from Manchuria to Siberia.

5. A Soviet announcement that the Kuriles had been annexed on the strength of the Yalta agreement but without United Nations ratification.

6. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson's statement that Manchurian soybean crop had been "liberated."

The fact that President Truman appeared on the same platform with Churchill is not construed as giving administration endorsement of Churchill's views but rather as a development of the United States policy that time has come for plain speaking.

For a little disposition here to believe that Churchill's speech will provoke official action on the proposal for military alliance. Instead, it is generally believed that the United States will pursue a policy of calling the world's attention to action it deems as a violation of the United Nations Charter and then resort either to:

(1) action by the United Nations when it meets in New York this Spring;

(2) discussion of pending controversies when the allied foreign ministers meet in Paris by May 1; or,

(3) settlement of specific issues by creating special commissions such as one the United States has suggested to consider Japanese reparation. Associated Press.

MOSCOW SILENCE

Moscow, March 7. Morning newspapers here made no comment yesterday of Mr. Winston Churchill's address or the notes which the United States sent to Russia on the Iran and Manchuria problems.

The papers also ignored the remarks made in the British House of Commons by Mr. A. V. Alexander to the effect that the Soviet press "by some strange accident" had failed to inform the Russian people of Foreign Secretary Bevin's offer to extend the Anglo-Russian treaty of friendship by 30 years.

Receiving prominence were the proclamation on International Women's Day, an article on oil and another on agriculture and a speech by the Polish Premier. Associated Press.

ALLIANCE UNWANTED

Washington, March 7. Winston Churchill's proposal for a virtual British-American military alliance provoked a generally unfavourable reaction among the members of the Congress. His call for sharing bases and military preparations found some support but most of the Senators said that they want no formal alliance because that might arouse suspicions on the part of Russia and would link the United States too closely to British foreign policies. Associated Press.

LONDON SURPRISE

London, March 7. Mr. Churchill's speech in the United States was given prominence in most London morning newspapers and was greeted with editorial approval.

A correspondent for a press association, however, said the speech was criticized by some members of Parliament on the ground it was "very unhelpful to the United Nations Organization."

The correspondent said the first report of the speech to reach members caused "a good deal of interest and some surprise."

He added that the speech probably would result in questioning of Foreign Minister Bevin.

"For one thing," said the correspondent, "some members would like to know whether the speech was made with prior knowledge of the British Government."

On the speech, Mr. Churchill said he was shocked for him and others. Associated Press.

10-Year Stay In Germany

Scientists Kick

Washington, March 7. A ranking government scientist yesterday declared that scientists in the United States are being held very strictly under military domination" because of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Edward Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards, said "science simply will not go forward under military domination." He said that prominent scientists were denied the privilege of travelling abroad, that physicists are forbidden to communicate on some ideas except through official channels involving censorship by army officers without knowledge and so without competence."

He urged an international agreement to use atomic energy only for peaceful purposes and asked for close cooperation with Russia. Associated Press.

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Veteran Administration officials say they have 100 applications from former servicemen for study abroad. Associated Press

YUNNAN RAILWAY

The legislation, sponsored by Arkansas Senator Fulbright, would allow the State Department to dispose of war surplus located in foreign nations for currency or credit. These funds then could be used for transportation and education of American students in those nations or the reverse. This idea had been urged by former President Hoover for more than 15 years. He wrote the Senate Military Committee: "Associated Press would gladly accept such an offer."

Chungking, March 7. The Minister of Information said yesterday that the work of repairing the Yunnan-Indo-China railroad would begin as soon as possible. He said that 108 miles of rail line were removed during the Chinese stretch during the war. Enough rails to repair about 45 miles of the track had already been procured and would be laid starting from the Sino-French frontier. This, Wu said, would make it easier to bring further material for repair. Associated Press

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LOYAL TO LAST BREATH

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interpreter. They brought me through a lengthy interrogation in a very friendly and engaging manner. At the end of that interrogation I was taken back to my cell.

"That evening I had a visit from a man named Howard Torr whom I also knew as Tso Chi and Tse Liang. I had a conversation with him and then he left. The next morning nothing happened the whole day.

FLOGGED AND KICKED

"On Monday morning, some time after 9 a.m. I was taken out of my cell and brought to the same interrogation room. I found there the same two persons, the Japanese and the interpreter. I was told to kneel on the floor before a desk. I was interrogated along the same lines as at the first interrogation. The Japanese was handling a bamboo whip. It consisted of five or six strips of bamboo tied around a central plaited wire. During the course of the interrogation he kept flogging me sometimes on the head and across my shoulders and body. Toward the end of the interrogation the interpreter also took part by kicking me with the flat of his sole, rolling me across the floor as one kicks a football around. This lasted about an hour. I was then taken back to my cell.

BLOODY SPY

"On the next day I was taken out again in the morning to the same room. On that morning I found a Japanese called Ozawa there, an interpreter, and the two accused. On that morning I was accused of obtaining false Portuguese citizenship papers for a British subject, namely, George Van Bergen. That was not true. Also, that I was a British spy and was in communication with a Mr. Lal, then allegedly in Free China at Shihkuan or Kukong. I later learned that by Mr. Lal was named Col. Rude of the S.A.A.G. It was also alleged that as such a British espionage agent I was in communication with Mr. Leo d'Almada Castro in Macao.

"My denials led to another beating with a similar whip. The person wielding the whip was So Leung, the first accused. Tsui Kwok-ching, the second accused, took no part in that examination other than to interpose in the interrogation by Ozawa: "Talk, you bloody British spy." The whip was biting into the welts of the whip before and I had to scratch with pain.

FIRE TORTURE

"So Leung said nothing but had a slight smile on his face. He seemed to derive pleasure from what was going on. I was then taken back to the cell.

"I next left the cell on Wednesday morning for a further interrogation in the same room. There were the same persons present as on the day before. I was told to strip, laid on a long table in the centre of the room and was tied to this by the two accused. Tsui extracted a rather thin steel poker with what looked like a rubber handle from an oven with live coals in an earthenware pot.

"He passed the hot end an inch or two from my face. I could feel the heat. He then passed it along my body from head to foot and then slowly along my soles. While this was happening I was being told by the Japanese to talk and confess the accusations I have already detailed.

BURNING SENSATION

"Tsui brought the hot end upwards along my right leg and as he came along to my knee he said, "If you won't talk I will show this in." I replied that I could not talk as I had nothing to reveal. I said, "Could you imagine me to be fool enough to act as a spy and retain my family here in Hong Kong?" The reply was an ex-

Yacht Club Gala

A gala first sailing race day of the new Yacht Club will be held at Kellet Island to-morrow.

Two dinghy races will be held, the first starting at 1.30 p.m. Club dinghies will be available on hire. Both races are open to club and ship's dinghies.

Snug courts and skittle alleys will also be available.

An invitation is extended to all members and friends to make this a gala opening of the club.

Intending members may obtain application forms from the club.

A launch runs from Flagstaff Point, dockyards, calling at Queen's Pier to Kellet Island at 1.30 and 4.30 p.m. daily with the exception of Sunday, when it leaves at 11.30 a.m.

cruciating burning sensation a few inches above my right knee.

"I smelt the smell of burning flesh like that of a burnt steak. I lost consciousness, I regained consciousness some considerable time later in my cell. There was a round watery looking sort of ball about five inches above my knee. The only treatment I had for this came from one of the Chinese guards unofficially. Late in the evening this Chinese guard, furtively poking around, handed threepence, the small tin of "Tiger Balm." I put a thick layer of this on the wound. I thanked him with my eyes and he put his finger on his lips, admonishing silence.

INTENSE PAIN

"Next day in the morning I was taken out again to the same room. Only the two accused were there. Tsui said "Still obstinate Mr. Silva or are you willing to talk?" I said that I had nothing to reveal. In reply to that the two accused suddenly pulled my arms backwards, tied them behind my back with a piece of cord, pulled me to a corner of the room where they tied the cord to a dangling piece of rope I was then pulled up until my feet were off the ground. The pain in my shoulders was intense. I am not sure how long this lasted. Towards the later stages I was semi-conscious. It must have been about 20 minutes or more.

TENDER MERCIES

"He looked at me and said "I am afraid, Marcus, I have to leave you to the tender mercies of these two."

He signed to So Leung and So Leung delivered about 20 odd lashes with the bamboo whip. While I was on the floor in this semi-conscious condition I was told to get up, by, I think, So Leung.

"I tried to get up but when I failed So Leung caught on to the back of my shorts and jerked me to my feet, tearing my shorts at the back.

EFFECT OF HANGING

"I was then half dressed and half shoved back to my cell. The effect of this hanging last

about two days. I could not raise my arms. I had to eat the ball of rice they gave me, once in the morning and once in the evening, from off the floor by bending downwards. I was not taken out the next day.

"On Saturday morning in that same room beside the two accused there was Howard Torr. He told me that he was responsible for Van Bergen's and my arrest. He said that apart from Nakashima, he was the most powerful man in the whole of the Kowloon Gendarmerie and that he held my life in the palms of his hands. When he asked me if I would act sensibly and talk, I said "It is difficult to talk when you have nothing to talk about."

"He replied, "You are, Marcus, a man of intelligence and for intelligent people the mental torture is worst than the physical torture you have been through. I am certain that your thoughts are constantly with your brother Carl and your family." I am sure you realise I can take them in here in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

"I turned to Torr and said "I cannot understand how and why you are acting like this and why you are doing this to me. Pre-war we were friends and you were even an occasional client of mine. Do you not remember the number of times Carl and myself had drinks at your place?"

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"They took me to a small bathroom adjacent to that room. The two accused tied me to a plank or bedboard. This plank was placed on two stools in such a manner that my head came below a water tap. One of the accused shoved a gag into my mouth and tied another gag around my mouth. This outside gag was tied in such a way that it held in place two smaller boards on each side of my head, preventing me from shaking my head from side to side.

A rubber contraption like a small mask at one end was then placed clamping over my upper lip and cheek leaving the nose

a.m. sharp.

The line-up is as follows:—

"Los Angeles"—Krepp (pitcher), Henke (catcher), Jenkins (1st base), Anderson (2nd base), Stevens (3rd base), Antonella (short-stop), Gage (left-field), Huber (Capt.), (centre-field)

Hong Kong—Wally Ching (pitcher), Nip Lum (catcher), Stan Leonard (1st base), Al Gibson (2nd base), Dave Leonard (Capt.), (3rd base), Arthur Ozorio (short-stop), Paul McCulloch (left-field), Gerry Gosano or A. J. Hursain (centre-field) and Bertie Gosano or Avichi Yannovich (right-field).

Umpires— "Doc" Molthen (strike) and Robbins.

R.A.F. SOCCER XI

The R.A.F. team to meet 44 R.M. Commandos in the Shield football match at the Navy around, Causway Bay, to-morrow will be selected from the following:

Procter, Lennox, McCrystall, Pennington, Smith, Bailey, Boyd, McGowan, Brown, Hanlon, Brooke, Hughes, Stokes and Cowan.

JOE DAVIS

Oldham, March 7. Joe Davis, world snooker champion, hopes to get his 20th century this season.

Last night in the semi-final of the world championship at Oldham, he got his 19th hundred break playing against Stanley Newman—Reuter.

REAL HEAVYWEIGHTS

Epsom, March 7.

Two heavy-weight, Rag, Andrew and Charlie Collett, nearly caused the ring to collapse here last night. The total weight of the two boxers was 29 stone.

Harmful rounds had to be effected as the boards cracked but this did not appear to upset the boxers.

Andrews won on points decision—Reuter.

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SECOND THOUGHTS

World Press Comments On Churchill's Speech

Wide-Divergence Of Opinion

STRIKE OFF

Washington, Mar. 7. After negotiations which continued through part of the night, officials of the National Federation of Telephone Workers were authoritatively reported early to-day to have accepted the terms averted the United States nation-wide telephone strike, called for 11 a.m. to-day.

An official of the United States Labour Department said that the formal agreement is being delayed until the terms have been accepted in full by members of the Union. —Reuter.

Disturbing

Washington, March 7. Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate foreign relations committee commented that "the statement by Prime Minister MacKenzie King with respect to the atomic bomb investigation is disturbing. This is no time for subterfuge or espionage by any government or governments." There was no reaction from official quarters in Washington. —Associated Press.

A five-year-old Chinese boy, Wong Hong, of 5, Gage Street, was taken to Tung Wah Hospital for treatment to injuries to his left leg yesterday after having been knocked down by an R.A.F. lorry in Queen's Road Central near Cochrane Street at about 12.10 p.m. The lorry was being driven in an easterly direction when three children suddenly ran out into the road.

Berne, March 7. Switzerland and Norway have concluded a trade agreement under which the Swiss will advance a credit of 5,000,000 francs for Norwegian purchases this year, it was announced. —Associated Press.

HIGHER PAY FOR ALL OFFICERS

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There are further appreciable increases in higher ranks to take into account of increasing family commitments and responsibilities of rank as well as of present general trends of professional status.

As in the case of other ranks, the system of marriage allowance, which gave specific additions for children, is abolished. In future officers will have a flat rate system of marriage allowance taking only into account the rank of the officer and not the size of his family. It follows that officers will receive full marriage allowances from date of marriage and will go on receiving it throughout married life in service without regard to number of children. Qualifying age for marriage allowances will be reduced from the former pre-war limit of 30 to 25. Age limit of 25 will not apply to married officers under that age who are receiving marriage allowances on June 30 this year.

INCOME TAX

Special arrangements will be made for officers who may be married before 25.

Now daily basic rates for army officers on appointment include the following: Second-Lieutenant 13 shillings (11 shillings) Lieutenant on appointment 15 shillings (13 shillings); Captain 23 shillings (16s. 6d.); Major 35 shillings (28s. 6d.); Lieutenant-Colonel with more than 10 years service, 47 shillings and 6 pence (43s. 6d.); Colonel on appointment 65s. (49s. 10d.).

Ranks up to Lieutenant-Colonel will also receive qualification pay.

It has already been announced that marriage allowance of other ranks will in future be subject to income tax and this will also apply to officers' marriage allowance and also to composite lodging allowances now to be introduced for all ranks.

The effective date will be April 6, 1947 when it has been decided to introduce a normal basis of assessment on the current year's earnings—for all members of the services. Separate lodging, fuel and light allowances now payable to single officers and to married ones when they cannot live with their family will be consolidated into this composite lodging allowance, which is similar to the Naval lodgings allowance. Composite lodging allowance, absent servant allowance, allowance will be abolished. Provision and ration allowances will be on the same scales for all three services.

RETIREMENT PAY

A special legislation will be brought in to exempt from taxation ration allowances and some related allowances.

Retirement pay "substantially

SECOND THOUGHTS ON MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S "FUSION WITH AMERICA" AND "SHADOW OF RUSSIA" SPEECH IN THE UNITED STATES ON TUESDAY PRODUCED THESE LEAD-LIGHTS IN THE BRITISH PRESS TO-DAY:

The "Daily Mail" New York correspondent says: "The United States is determined to have a 'show-down' with Russia, according to words from the White House and the State Department and a major attempt is being made for a new Big Three meeting."

The same paper's diplomatic correspondent writes: "Communist sympathisers within the British Labour Party are planning show-down with Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin by launching an 'all-out defensive-offensive campaign' against his policy."

The Communist "Daily Worker" declares: "Many Labour members of Parliament are demanding that the Government should repudiate the speech in view of the almost official nature of the occasion in which he spoke."

The "Daily Herald" did not comment on the speech yesterday and its editorial to-day therefore represents the first authoritative Labour press opinion.

The newspaper wrote: "There is speculation all over the world about the origin of Mr. Churchill's speech at Fulton. He declared that he was speaking as a private individual but clearly there are many who believe that the speech was composed in collaboration with the British Government.

NOT OFFICIAL

"We can say with authority that its contents were neither

more favourable than the maximum rates under the present code" will be common to all three services. There will be a special temporary scheme of supplementary marriage allowance on a tapering basis to ease the position if some married officers whose net incomes would be reduced by this new system.

Officers of the rank of major or the equivalent in the Navy or Air Force, who under the current scheme, have a marriage allowance of 6 shillings daily or more will from April 1, 1947, receive a supplementary marriage allowance on a reducing scale beginning at 5 shillings daily and going down to 3 shillings and 6 pence after one year, and two shillings after the second year. By 1950 it will be down to the standard rate of 12 shillings and 6 pence daily.

Promotion to ranks of Lieutenant, captain or major in the Army will be earlier than before the war—after 2, 6 and 13 years service respectively, instead of 3, 8 and 17 years.

QUALIFICATION PAY

The rates of retirement in the various ranks and corps are under review. It has already been decided that where retirement age for those not promoted to lieutenant-colonel is now 47 the normal age will be reduced to 45.

The system of "qualification pay" will be started in place of corps pay, staff pay and other forms, which are to be abolished, for officers who obtain special military and technical proficiency. Daily rates will be: Lieutenant 2 shillings and 6 pence; captain 4 shillings; major 6 shillings.

Command pay will be abolished and provision made for allowance for officers "in command" for official entertainment. It is explained in the White Paper that further consideration is required for certain special categories, such as medical and dental services, chaplains, officers on legal and educational duties, officers of the Royal Marines, warrant officers in the Navy and men commissioned from the ranks at relatively late ages for limited duties. This means that quartermasters in the army and British air force will be promoted to that rank.

The "Boston Globe" said that Churchill "invites the United States to become a heir to evils of a collapsing colonialism and inevitably their defender all the way from North Africa to the China Sea. Throughout those regions this nation's repute to-day rests on other more affirmative foundations:—The hope and trust built by a century and half of adherence to other goals and other ideals."

The Atlanta, Georgia, "Constitution" asserted that Churchill called for a "virtual military alliance between this country and Britain against Russia's desires and added "the answer to that must be a definite 'No'."

The Hartford, Connecticut, "Courant" said the proposal for a virtual military alliance "is a sign that wartime coalition with Russia has come close to a breaking point."

The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" declared "fraternal association with which Mr. Churchill pleads is as common sense as is necessary."

BLINDED ARISTOCRAT

The "Chicago Sun" said that

"to follow the standard raised by this great but blinded aristocrat

Japanese Silk Shipment

Tokyo, Mar. 7. Two shipments of 1,500 cases and 1,100 bales of raw silk will go out from the ports of Yokohama and Kobe this month in the first movement of silk to the United States since before the war.

An announcement said that a wide range of qualities of silk is now available for export in Japan indicates that all types of materials previously manufactured from raw silk in the United States may be available by mid-Summer. Proceeds from sales are to be made available for the purchase of imports essential for Japanese subsistence. —Associated Press.

Reuter adds that the silk will be made available to United States manufacturers through the U.S. Commercial Co. (an official Government agency).

LOYAL TO LAST BREATH

(Continued from Page 5) Apart from the sounds of the water torture I heard the thud of heavy blows being administered as well. Whilst this was happening Howard Torr walked to my cell door and spoke to me about the victim.

SIX DAYS

"That went on for six days, including the first day. Morning and afternoon I could hear the two accused torturing the boy in the same manner. On the seventh day in the morning, half-way through the torture I heard someone scream, 'Don't! Don't! I will give you the addresses. A short while later heard Tsui Kwok-ching's voice at the telephone in the corridor. He said, 'Mr. Lee, Please come over. He will talk.'"

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